

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 4, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:10 pm in the Mildred L. Wakeley Community & Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda

Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny

Third Selectman, Stephen A. Fontana

Mr. Freda thanked the public for attending and asked if there were public comments relative to the agenda.

Mr. Gerald Feinberg, 34 Brockett Farm Road, addressed the letter listed under the correspondence with reference to a Town employee and the Registrar's office. He had several questions, including why the letter was being shared at the meeting. Mr. Freda responded that he has an obligation to the public to keep them informed and that the letter was relevant to a State investigation that was unfolding that he would explain later in his overview.

Mr. Freda proceeded with making a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 14, 2009

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 28, 2009

Voted: Freda – yes, Fontana – yes, Doheny - yes

Mr. Freda made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 4, 2010

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda stated that in an effort to explain to the public where we are with regard to the Town health insurance and the increase in costs, that he has invited two representatives from Anthem; Mr. Matt Bowker, Account Manager and Mr. Jim Augur, Senior Vice President, to share information with the residents. He then noted that, with Mr. Doheny and Mr. Fontana's consent, he would like to open up the presentation to the audience with the opportunity to ask questions.

Matt Bowker, proceeded with his presentation and noted that the renewal for medical

and vision is at a 28% increase and he wanted to go over the reasons. He explained that their preliminary renewal projection used a significant amount of prior carrier's claim's experience and that when the 2010 renewal calculation was ran the Town and BOE of North Haven had only been back with Anthem for six months.

For Town budgeting purposes, they were asked to forecast the health insurance renewal back in November/December and that is done for a contract period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. He noted that Anthem is ecstatic that the Town has come back to Anthem effective July, 2009 and he has worked on our account prior to the switch and also presently and enjoys the experience of working with Town Hall and BOE. He proceeded to say that they lock in the rate based on the preliminary renewal calculation, and then re-run the claims experiences and if they get better, they give back the savings to the Town and BOE.

He stated that paid claims are up 21.86% over last year's experience period. He said there are several factors that can be contributing to that including stress related claims, COBRA, and State mandates that affect the calculations.

Mr. Bowker stated that since Town and BOE of North Haven came back to Anthem on July 1, 2009, claims are up \$557,958 over the premium collected to date.

He went on to say that Anthem will have an update of the renewal to the Town and BOE of North Haven on March 15, 2010 using an updated two months of Anthem claims experience.

Mr. Fontana inquired that last year at this time the Town was with another company, and Anthem was desirous of having our business back, and bid on our business with a cost that had actually declined somewhat, and that was based on six to eight months of experience with the other carrier. He is not clear how prices could have now jumped to an increase of 22%.

Mr. Bowker explained that the experience since that time has drastically changed, for example, ten large claimants over \$50,000, and those experience periods as constantly changing. They are using the same methodology just different periods of experience.

Mr. Fontana then stated that a number of other towns in our area that also have Anthem have been proposed with higher increases, and they are also facing the same experiences, meaning that nothing is being done differently for North Haven.

Mr. Bowker replied that they are using the same underwriting methodologies for all of the surrounding towns.

Mr. Doheny asked is it possible that all the towns have had a significant increase in their claims experience and is there something other than experience being considered.

Mr. Fontana asked to clarify that the increase has nothing to do with the Town using a different carrier (Connecticare) last year, but rather due to an increase in claims experience for us, and is that is the case across various towns and society.

Mr. Bowker replied Mr. Fontana is correct.

Mr. Doheny asked about the claims analysis period and Mr. Bowker noted that they are updating the period and will report back with an update.

Mr. Freda explained that taking time to go through the claims history analysis is worthwhile in that every month that goes by can help us, because months with a decrease in claims history will bring down the cost.

Mr. Doheny asked if by using Connecticare's claim history could it be that they covered a higher level of services and that could be affecting the data.

Mr. Bowker replied that it was his understanding the benefit levels were supposed to matched.

Mr. Freda opened up questions to the public.

Mr. Bowker and Mr. Augur answered questions from the public ranging from out of pocket cost and the amount of co-pays, to drivers for rate increases, competition, wellness programs, comparison of number of claims versus dollar amount of claims, breakouts of BOE versus Town utilization, administrative costs for Anthem, and the termination of St. Raphael's Hospital as a participating provider with Anthem.

Mr. Bowker replied that Anthem produces detailed utilization reports, they have several wellness programs, he does not have the out of pocket costs and the co-pays vary anywhere from \$5, 10 and \$15. Mr. Augur suggested that there is a strong level of competition, here in Connecticut. They heard clearly from the First Selectman to provide the best rate, and they will try hard to do that. They also do their best to keep their administrative costs down, and it is the claims that drive the costs up. The claims represent approximately .85 cents on each dollar of the premium. Mr. Augur did note that effective April 1, 2010 St. Raphael's will be terminating their agreement with Anthem.

Mr. Freda stated that we will be examining all the options including going out to bid, and going back to the drawing board including the possibility of self insurance. March 15th is the next target date of what the claims history looks like, and then we will make our decision.

Selectman's Overview

1. Economic Development

Mr. Freda stated that he has been spending a lot of time with Pratt and Whitney site owner, Mickey Rabina. They met with a new developer and are looking for a joint venture to create a mixed use site at the former Pratt and Whitney. This is the ninth opportunity they have put forth, and Mr. Freda is hopeful that it will go to the next level.

Mr. Freda noted he has also been involved with many real estate agents, and will be

meeting with Quinnipiac regarding Northern Washington Avenue. Mr. Freda feels that area is the future for North Haven in terms of incremental tax revenue.

Mr. Freda is in the process of developing a presentation to promote North Haven and he is spearheading this effort to meet with prospective businesses, to talk about what a great destination North Haven can be for new business.

Mr. Freda stated that he spoke with the new landlord for the Quebecor Building and is moving forward aggressively. He also mentioned that PC Richards will be moving in the former Circuit City location on Universal Drive.

Mr. Freda remarked that he met with TPA Design Group and talked about Valley Service Road and in conjunction with that they spoke with Richard Steinberg who owns the land at Valley Service Road and are looking to discuss concepts and ideas and see if there are any synergies with him and Mickey Rabina for the Pratt and Whitney site.

Mr. Freda went on to say that regarding Sackett Point Road he met with Rich Cuomo on 100 Republic Drive, the building looks great and there will be new tenants coming in over the next six or seven months.

Mr. Freda noted that he met with Fred Ulbrich of Ulbrich Steel regarding the 55 acres of land that North Haven may be able to benefit from in the future.

Mr. Freda mentioned that on the 22nd of March he will be meeting with the executive staff of Coviden, along with Chiefs DiCarlo and Landisio to explore growth opportunities with them.

Mr. Freda shared that he is looking to have an Economic Development Breakfast sometime in May. He would like to create an environment to bring local businesses together.

Regarding the post office, Mr. Freda stated that over the last five months he has had approximately 250 people that have asked and recommended that the post office be moved. He has had many options and suggestions made by North Haven residents and has shared those suggestions with the post office representatives, and it will be their decision on the final location.

2. Operational Issues

Mr. Freda stated that he has met with all the Department Heads and has asked them all to control their spending. He noted that we did get a larger than anticipated refund from The Hartford, we anticipated \$500,000 to \$700,000 and was delighted to see that after the review of claims history, the check was for \$1,091,000 which helps us to balance our budget for this fiscal year ending June 30th, 2010. Right now because capital spending has been frozen, a few positions that have not been replaced, we are on track to balance the budget.

Mr. Freda continued to note that through our workshop sessions with the Board of Finance, we are looking to put together and present the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget

that as discussed, has challenges with revenue deficits.

Mr. Freda stated that the UI situation with regard to savings, as been nebulous. He has renegotiated the contract so we will now be saving \$3,500 more a month. It goes from \$8,231 to about \$4,800 a month with savings kicking in effective April 1st, 2010. The Board of Education was not able to discern any savings because lighting and operational costs were lumped together. So although we may be saving on the lighting side, other usage may have been higher.

Mr. Freda mentioned that the three year contract with CIRMA for our general liability and worker's compensation is coming to an end. In our budget projections starting July 1st, 2010 we have a projection of \$1.2 million and this will be going out to bid. We may be able to capture savings on Worker's Comp and General Liability.

Mr. Freda stated that we will be looking to refinance the \$ 5.8 million dollars in callable bonds and he sees a savings of about \$30,000 a year over a ten year period. He went on to say that with all things mentioned, the June 30th fiscal deficit should be neutralized.

Mr. Freda went on to advise that he hopes to have the terms for Clerical Union Contract at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Freda proceeded to report on a very sensitive issue regarding the Registrar's Office. On or about February 7th he began getting correspondence that was also copied to the State of Connecticut. He feels that he must advise the public as this may be a serious issue. Mr. Freda showed the copies of the letters to the State's Attorney's Office who advised there may be a problem. This is now going to be an investigation with the State Election Commission. He noted that he does not know where it will lead, but is obligated to the public to keep them informed. He is trying to work in a collaborative fashion and work across party lines.

3. Communication

Mr. Freda noted that he is moving forward with the Firehouse Meetings, with non-scripted conversations with questions and answers to start in April.

He went on to say he is intending to schedule individual meetings with residents and the Seniors at the NH Senior Center, and is also going to be back on North Haven TV, and continuing with newspaper columns and all of the selectmen will be involved with various appearances in Town.

That concluded Mr. Freda's Overview.

Correspondence

Mr. Doheny recognized several residents who sent thank you letters to the Town regarding recent help the Town gave to the North Haven Housing Authority. Mr. Doheny explained that the North Haven Housing Authority is two buildings, seven units comprised of Parkside and a three story structure called Temple Pines. North Haven Housing Authority is a tax exempt entity and they had been delinquent on their

PILOT payments. The Town has allowed the Housing Authority repay the \$60,000 at the rate of \$500 a month over the next ten years, interest free, and reduced their PILOT payment from 10% to 5% of net revenues of the Authority. Mr. Doheny went on to say that this is low income senior housing and is not subsidized by the federal or state government, or the Town. The resident's rent is set at 30% of adjusted income. Both facilities are occupied and there is a waiting list.

Mr. Fontana read a thank you from Chris Schwartz, Library Media Specialist, in appreciation of the participation of Mr. Freda, in Read Across America. It was noted that Mr. Fontana and Mr. Doheny, as well as many of our Town personnel offered their time to participate in this worthwhile event.

Mr. Freda proceeded to read a letter from Mr. Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, who submitted a letter with the request that it be read at the BOS meeting. The overall content of Mr. Amato's letter pertained to the Field Engineer II Position and targeted four points. 1) Concern that if a position is reinstated, will that set a precedent for anyone who has lost their job or whose position was eliminated. 2) Mr. Freda said there would be no hiring in the Department of Public works while an investigation was being conducted by the State's Attorney's office. 3) He has not heard from the Town that the job is essential, and feels it is a waste of the tax payer's money, and should be resolved by a judge. 4) Lastly and most important, he states that Mr. Fontana and Mr. Freda are named in the Writ of Mandamus, which should abstain them from voting on the issue. He also writes that he sees another problem as Mr. Doheny is being investigated by the State's Attorney's Office and should not be allowed to vote on an issue involving this department.

Mr. Doheny addressed Mr. Amato and stated that he can assure Mr. Amato that he is most definitely not being investigated by the State's Attorney's Office for anything. He thinks it is totally inappropriate for Mr. Amato to indicate that, since there is no evidence to support his statement, and it is completely false.

Mr. Freda read the next letter on correspondence explaining that this letter is the last letter in a series of letters that was sent to him, and copied to the State. The letter was written by Alexandra E. P. L. Penfold, 25 Trumbull Place, dated March 4, 2010, and details her disappointment that her request for information from Patricia Jackson-Marshall, Democratic Registrar of Voters, regarding release of her personal information has not been responded to. Ms. Penfold is concerned that her personal information was not redacted from her voter registration card, when it was released to the public.

Mr. Freda stated that there will be another State investigation that will involve the State Elections Committee.

Resignations/Appointments

Mr. Fontana noted that the Board has received and regretfully accepts the resignation of William J. Carey (D), 4 2 Ezra Street, from the Community Services Commission Committee, term to expire 12/31/10.

Mr. Fontana moved to reappoint of David Carney, 56 Hayward Road, Hamden, CT, Animal Control Officer, retroactive to 01/01/10, term to expire 12/31/10.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to reappointment of Chrystal Rashba, 76 Clifton Street, Wallingford, CT, as the Assistant Animal Control Officer, retroactive to 01/01/10, term to expire 12/31/10.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana explained that on the agenda, we had the reappointment of Chief Landisio, but after review, it appears that he was previously appointed in March of 2009. Mr. Freda mentioned that he spoke with Chief, and he was not notified of the reappointment at the time.

Mr. Doheny moved to reappoint Robert L. Bykowski (R), 99 Spring Road, Auditor of the Land Records, retroactive to 01/01/10 term to expire 12/31/11.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda briefly spoke of the lack of representation for the Regional Cable TV Council that represents the South Central District of Connecticut. North Haven had the opportunity to have three representatives on the Council plus one representative from the Board of Education for a total of four. Mr. Freda stated that he would like to open up the other positions to North Haven residents and also someone from the Board of Education. He then moved to appoint Mark Minotti (R), 3370 Dixwell Avenue, Cable TV Advisory Council, term to expire 12/31/11.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda commented on his pleasure with regard to the collaboration of Mr. Fontana and Mr. Doheny on the selection of the members of the Board of Ethics.

Mr. Dohney stated that the Code of Ethics allows the formal board have five members and two alternates and up to two members of the same party. He and Mr. Fontana felt it best to reduce that number and they chose one Republican, one Democrat, three Unaffiliated voters and on the alternates, one Republican and one Unaffiliated voter.

Mr. Dohney moved to appoint Joan Morgan (R), 34 Maple Avenue, to the Board of Ethics, effective 01/01/10 term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to appoint Michael Patten (D), 9 Janet Drive, to the Board of Ethics, effective 01/01/10 term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to appoint Marne Usher (U), 5 Westview Road, to the Board of Ethics, effective 01/01/10 term to expire 12/31/11.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to appoint William R. Brown (U), 92 Upper State Street, to the Board of Ethics, effective 01/04/10 term to expire 12/31/11.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to appoint Joseph Mackay (U), 144 South Avenue, to the Board of Ethics, effective 01/04/10 term to expire 12/31/10.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Doheny moved to appoint Ryan Cleckner (R), 20 Weathers Road, as an Alternate on the Board of Ethics, effective 01/04/10 term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to appoint Philip T. DiPeri (U), 45 Juniper Drive, as an Alternate on the Board of Ethics, effective 01/04/10 term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

The Board thanked all the applicants who expressed interest in serving on the Board of Ethics, and stated that their resumes would be kept on file if something should open up on the Ethics Board. Also, Mr. Doheny mentioned that there is an opening on the Community Services Commission if any were interested.

Elm Street Cemetery Update

Mr. Freda stated that at the last meeting Mr. Sonazzaro spoke very passionately about the cemetery and the Board has done some research on the subject. He also invited Mr. Sonazzaro to visit with him in his office to discuss the matter further and show him the maps.

Mr. Doheny stated that the land under the North Haven Health and Racquet Club is owned by the Town of North Haven and has been under lease since August 1, 1974. It was originally a twenty year lease and had renewals which could add an additional thirty years, bringing it up to a fifty year lease. The Health and Racquet Club has renewed their lease in five year increments. They pay about \$23, 000 a year to the Town of North Haven. In addition to that the building has an assessed value of about \$2.1 million, so the Town is getting about \$54,000 in additional income in property value.

Mr. Freda noted that the only way North Haven could get out of the lease with the Racquet Club is if the club does not give us notice within a six month period. The lease provides them with a series of renewal options that provides them the ability to stay there as long as they give proper notice.

Mr. Freda stated that they have done additional research and found out that there is roughly 100 more plots available in the Elm Street Cemetery. Also next to our recycling center there is some available space that we may possibly use for an extension of the cemetery once we go beyond the additional 100 plots. Mr. Freda sees these as a solution for the next five to ten years.

Mr. Freda again invited Mr. Sonazzaro to meet with him in Town Hall to view the maps and discuss the cemetery.

Tax Refunds

Mr. Freda motioned to accept the property Tax Refunds as presented below.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

- DCFS, 2050 Roanoke Road, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$211.32
- DCFS, Box 977, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$434.92
- Carol E. Freiss, 248 South Orchard Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, in the amount of \$234.18
- GMAC, 500 Enterprise Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3913, in the amount of

- \$234.80, and in the amount of \$ 99.39, and in the amount of \$ 128.58
- John M. Leary, 240 Bayard Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of 65.27
- Nissan Infiniti LT, PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265-9523, in the amount of \$70.79, and in the amount of \$ 117.58, and in the amount of \$ 97.42
- Shibani B. Patel, 1411 Twin Circle Drive, South Windsor, CT 06074, in the amount of \$77.08
- Penske Truck Leasing, RT 10 Green Hills, Reading, PA, 19603-0405, in the amount of \$77.21 and in the amount of \$555.07, and in the amount of \$555.07, and in the amount of \$555.07, and in the amount of \$227.14, and in the amount of \$601.49, and in the amount of \$398.81, and in the amount of \$264.62, and in the amount of \$543.66, and in the amount of \$60.22, and in the amount of \$422.39, and in the amount of \$80.23, and in the amount of \$52.58, and in the amount of \$129.24, and in the amount of \$264.62, and in the amount of \$32.94, and in the amount of \$75.56
- Louis J. Russo, 83 Monroe Street 2nd Fl, New Haven, CT 06513, in the amount of \$105.52, and in the amount of \$100.01
- Matthew J. Sciuto, 8 William Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$188.54
- VW Credit Leasing, 1401 Franklin Boulevard, Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$185.26, and in the amount of \$121.79, and in the amount of \$130.97

Mr. Freda made a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation against the Town of North Haven; specifically, *Burns v. Town of North Haven, et al.*, Docket No. NNH-CV-09-403-6835-S. Mr. Freda invited Attorney Ryan into join in said session.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

At 8:55 PM, the Board adjourned to executive session.

Mr. Freda made a motion reconvene the meeting at 9:30 PM

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda proceeded to explain that after being in Executive Session on two separate occasions, and reviewing the legal complexities of the case, they have come to a decision. Mr. Freda made a motion to warrant a Special Town Meeting for purposes of determining whether the position of Engineer II should be restored in the current budget on the condition that Mr. Robert Burns withdraw his prejudice and pending actions against the Town of North Haven and its agents.

Mr. Fontana stated that he does think this is a difficult matter without easy choices. Thinks it is fair to say that reasonable people can differ, just as reasonable attorneys can differ on the law. He went on to say that he will be voting no on the motion, primarily because he is concerned about the precedence it may set. He feels granting a special town meeting for this purpose could hamstring Mr. Freda and the Board of Finance's ability to manage the town budget and many scenarios that could complicate a job that Mr. Freda has already stated is exceeding challenging when it comes to balancing our budget. He is not aware of a particular need or want for this

position, and believes this is not in the Town's best interest.

Mr. Doheny stated that he thinks Mr. Fontana brought up good points. Often with pending litigation, there seems to be no good answer. He stated that all of their discussions have been very cordial and the Town Attorney has provided good advice. He doesn't necessarily agree with the legislation, but it is what they are dealing with. The Town Meeting will give the resident the opportunity to decide what is right in this case. He is in favor of this motion because given the facts; it is the best solution available to resolve the issue.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – no

Mr. Doheny stated the Board will not be taking questions on this matter during public comments.

Public Comment

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. William Gambardella, 1014 Hartford Turnpike, stated that he wanted to clear up several issues regarding the letter read into the agenda earlier. This issue goes back to December and pertains to a complaint that Ms. Penfeld voted in the Town of North Haven illegally because she does not live in North Haven, but rather New York. He also feels that the information provided on her voter registration card was public information. He feels that Patty Jackson Marshall did nothing wrong and a response was provided by the Town to Ms. Penfeld. Mr. Gambardella stated that he signed as the notary for a complaint filed to State Elections Enforcement Commission by Mr. Amato. The discussion continued.

Mrs. Pam Parella, 25 Trumbull Place, Republican Registrar of Voters, stated that they are required to attend seminars put on by the Secretary of State. She went on to say that her daughter, Alexandra Penfold meets all the requirements to vote in North Haven.

Mr. John Lambert, 25 Trumbull Place, provided information on the topic, indicating his description of the events that occurred leading up to the letters that his daughter sent. What she asked for in her letters. Also he detailed his opinion on what transpired with regard to the dissemination of Ms. Penfold's information.

Mr. Gambardella responded to Mr. Lambert's comments.

Mrs. Ann Ruocco, 23 Ansonia Drive, commented that regarding Anthem. She has Medicare Advantage and could choose her carrier. The benefits have decreased and the co-pays and premiums are higher. She is concerned that Anthem is getting the profits. She does not understand why we should pay a 28% increase when they are making money and very profitable.

Mrs. Barbara Feinberg, 34 Brockett Farm Road, stated she was the Registrar for four years and worked with Pam for two. People came in all the time and asked for public records and we gave it to them. The last four digits of the SS # are used for identifying purposes and do not have to be redacted.

Gary Amato, Pool Road, inquired if the special meeting was going to be brought to a referendum. Secondly, he has no use for lawyers, and voter fraud is voter fraud.

Pam Parella, noted that at the last seminar she attended she was told to cover up the last four digits of SS#. She also stated that she did work with Barbara Feinberg, but they always covered up numbers and inquirers had to prove their identity.

Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, feels with regard to the medical benefits, a \$5 co-pay is low and it should be brought up to save some money for the Town.

Mr. Gerald Feinberg, 34 Brockett Farm Road, asked if with respect to the town meeting, is it Mr. Freda's intention to ask the Board of Selectmen to remove the item that you are going to put on the call to a referendum. Mr. Freda stated the town meeting gives all the residents an opportunity to vote on the Field Engineer II position. Mr. Feinberg's concerned that by calling a special meeting for this purpose you are allowing people in town to usurp your authority. He went on to discuss the issue.

Mr. Feinberg also stated that he was outraged that Mr. Freda read the letter involving Ms. Patricia Jackson-Marshall. He went on to discuss this issue.

Mr. Freda reminded Mr. Feinberg that he read two letters tonight, one including an unfounded attack on Mr. Doheny.

Mr. Feinberg went on to discuss voter fraud, congress and the Hava laws. Mr. Feinberg also called upon Mr. Freda as First Selectman to reduce the amount of acrimony so we can get the referendum done.

Mrs. Parella, talked about the HAVA law and the dissemination of information.

Mr. Freda addressed all the people in the audience and at home watching on North Haven television that we have a lot of issues to resolve, but he wants everyone to know that the Board will work collaboratively together. He also stated that despite the numerous challenges we have that he will be relentless and focused like a laser beam to take North Haven positively into the future. His personal goal is to move North Haven in the right direction, stimulate economic development, increase incremental tax revenue, work across party lines to minimize the conflict that we have had in this town for many years. That is the commitment that he makes to each and everyone.

Next meeting of the Board of Selectmen – Thursday, April 1st, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Adjournment

Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn at 10:19pm.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes